

## RUSSIA FEARS YELLOW PERIL

PROPOSES COMBINE WITH UNITED STATES—SAY JAPS NEED TO BE TAKEN DOWN.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 14.—The Bourse Gazette, one of the most responsible journals in Russia, contains a carefully written leading article advocating a rapprochement between the United States and Russia to safeguard the interests of both powers in the Far East, which, the paper says, are now threatened by Japan. The Bourse Gazette remarks:

"Contemporary Europe has no ground on which a combination of powers for the maintenance of peace in the Far East is possible, but Russia and the United States are able to join hands for this purpose. They have no old scores to settle. Their ancient friendship is only temporarily impaired, owing to the mistakes of the former regime. A Russo-American rapprochement, which is historically necessary, would check the Asiatic storm which is again moving toward the western world. This in no way implies war with Japan. On the contrary, so soon as the understanding takes definite form it will guarantee the stability of peace in the Far East."

The Bourse Gazette says it finds that the chief source of Japanese chauvinism is now shown in the negotiations of the Tokio government with the governments at Washington and St. Petersburg to be the "utter bankruptcy of the moral prestige of the west in Japanese eyes, owing to Japan's easy defeat of Russia and the discovery that the solidarity of the western peoples in the work of peaceful development is an empty sound."

The article adds:

"The war indicated to the Japanese that everything was permissible to them if material force was on their side. The first step in the moral rehabilitation of the west is a Russo-American rapprochement."

"In this connection may be quoted a remark made to the Associated Press correspondent by a Russian diplomat of the highest rank, who said:

"Russia places the highest value on

the friendship of the United States and realizes and acknowledges that serious mistakes were made in the past, to which the impairment of the friendship of the last few years is due. Our task now is to repair these blunders."

The Novoe Vremya, Rech and Slovo also devote leading editorial articles in the most apprehensive tone to the Japanese question.

### Special Message

MR. ROOSEVELT WILL PROBABLY ASK LEGISLATION OF RAILROAD CARS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—President Roosevelt is considering the idea of sending a special message to Congress recommending legislation on the supply of cars by railroads.

The matter was brought to his attention by representatives of cattle growers, who complained that they could not get cattle cars. What they wanted was a law compelling railroads to furnish cars within a reasonable time after they were ordered. Not only was the President favorably impressed by the idea, but he inquired why it should not be extended to cover the transportation of all goods. He took up the subject and studied it, and then thought of a special message.

#### Names of French War Ships.

From the Westminster Gazette. What is curious in the list of French ships of war now on the stocks is that not one of them is called after a warrior, whether naval or military, but that the patronymics of philosophers, and even of novelists, have been preferred.

The new ironclads are named after Danton, Mirabeau, Voltaire, Diderot, Condorcet, and Vergnaud; the cruisers take the names of Victor Hugo, Jules Michelet, Edgar Quinet, Ernest Renan, and Waldeck-Rousseau.

The most poetical names are those given to the new submarines. There are to be two Wasps among them; but there will also be an Emerald, an Opal, a Ruby, a Sapphire, a Topaz, a Turquoise, a Circe, and a Calypso.

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## ST. LOUIS BANKS REJECT AID

SAY THEY DON'T NEED ANY OF SECRETARY SHAW'S EMERGENCY MONEY.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 13.—All six of the National banks of this city probably will decline to accept any of Secretary Shaw's emergency money.

Of the \$10,000,000 set aside for the money stringency, \$1,000,000 was offered to the six banks here, three banks to get \$200,000 each, one \$100,000, and the other two \$150,000 each. The Fourth National and the Merchants-Laclede, it is said, already have decided not to participate, and the other three are expected to take similar action to-morrow.

New York bankers offer to put for the St. Louis bankers the needed collateral bonds if allowed the interest on the loan in excess of 3 per cent, but this is not satisfactory on account of the shortness of the loan.

The local bankers say the money market is much easier here than in the east, and that St. Louis can get along without assistance.

#### A LOVE STORY.

From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. He fell in love with her Ere he'd seen or known; He heard her voice—sweet, pure—Over the 'phone.

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And so they each loved each, And finally he met her; He vowed she was a peach And to get her.

She made his heart rejoice And he stayed not nor tarried; He wanted that 'ere voice; They married.

But now, O, darn it all! He says that all is lost; She does not heed his call; Wires crossed.

#### SONG OF THE PLOW.

From the Milwaukee Sentinel. I'll sink you a song of the plow; deep with my tempered share I furrow the earth, the rich brown soil. With joy I bend to my task, guided with sturdy care— From dawn till dusk I follow the way through loam and fragrant soil. And I sing as I go my way, From dawn till the sunset's gold, And I sleep when the world is gray— Deep in the morn's enfold.

I come with the lark and thrush, and my good steel shimmers bright, Steady I turn my furrows deep that fields may grow and wave; The bread of the world is mine, reared by my strength and might, And I scatter it wide from land to land, that all may say I gave, And I sing as I go my way, From dawn till the sunset's gold, And I sleep when the world is gray— Deep in the morn's enfold.

My share came from the earth, and so to the earth I cleave, And I shall cling to its breast for'er, to serve my master, man; And never shall I forsake, and never my master leave, Till the world and Time are old and gray in this, God's earthly plan. But I sing as I go my way, From dawn till the sunset's gold, And I sleep when the world is gray— Deep in the morn's enfold.

#### Pleasant Surprise Party.

Mrs. Joseph Fleming was given a pleasant surprise party Thursday at her home on Ninth street in honor of the sixtieth anniversary of her birth. The entertainment was planned by Mr. and Mrs. John W. Fleming and came as a complete surprise to the honor guest.

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## BIG INSURANCE MEN TO COMBINE

THIRTY PRESIDENTS SUMMONED TO A MEETING—PLAN TO REDUCE EXPENSES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The presidents of more than 30 of the principal life insurance companies of the country and covering all parts of it, will meet on December 21 to form a national organization.

The meeting will be held in response to a letter issued by Paul Morton, president of the Equitable Life, which was sent to the presidents of all of the larger companies. The letter is dated New York, December 3. Among other things the letter says the objects of the meeting will be:

To promote the welfare of policyholders, to advance the interests of life insurance companies in the United States by the intelligent co-operation of officers in charge; to prevent extravagance and reduce expenses by encouraging uniformity of practice among life insurance companies in matters of general administration; to consider carefully measures that may be introduced from time to time in legislative bodies, and to consider anything that may be suitably a matter of general concern to the life insurance business.

The meeting to organize is to be held on December 21 in this city. Morton's letter to the insurance presidents is as follows:

NEW YORK, Dec. 3, 1906.

My Dear Sir: I am impressed with the lack of co-operation among the large life insurance companies and respectfully urge that we meet and discuss a plan of organization, the objects of which shall be:

1. To promote the welfare of policyholders.  
2. To advance the interests of life insurance companies in the United States by the intelligent co-operation of officers in charge.  
3. To prevent extravagance and reduce expenses by encouraging uniformity of practice of general administration.

4. To consider carefully measures that may be introduced from time to time in legislative bodies, with a view to ascertaining and publicly presenting the grounds which may exist for opposing or advocating the proposed legislation, according as the welfare of the companies and their policyholders shall point to the one course or the other.

5. To consider anything that may be suitably a matter of general concern to the life insurance business.

6. If you agree with me that such an organization is necessary and are willing your company should become a member I will be glad to call a meeting as early as possible to further consider the matter.

Personally, it seems to me that much good can be accomplished by more co-operation between insurance companies.

Copies of the letter have been sent to the presidents of the principal life insurance companies.

Very truly yours,  
(Signed) PAUL MORTON,  
President.

In explanation of his calling the meeting Mr. Morton said to-night:

"My reasons for calling this meeting are clearly stated in my letter. The letter was not intended for publication at this time, and it is to be regretted that some one who received it evidently saw fit to give it out prematurely. But there is no harm done. I believe in a maximum amount of publicity, and as president of one of the large companies I am not going to enter into any agreement or combination that will not promote the public welfare."

"I consider that it is just as essential for the executives of the life insurance companies of the United States to have a national association as it is for the fire underwriters, life insurance actuaries, national banks and physicians of the country, or any other body of intelligent men to have similar associations. Much good can be accomplished by mutual acquaintance, co-operation and uniform practice, and I shall be very much disappointed if great improvements cannot be made in the administration of the business and cost of life insurance to the public."

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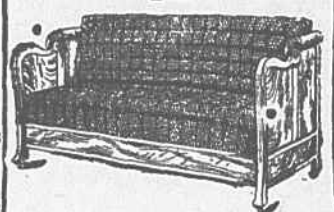
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